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21.08(1)(d)2. Attic and Crawl Space Access

Question: What kind of hardware is necessary on an attic access door that is located in the separation between a garage and dwelling area?

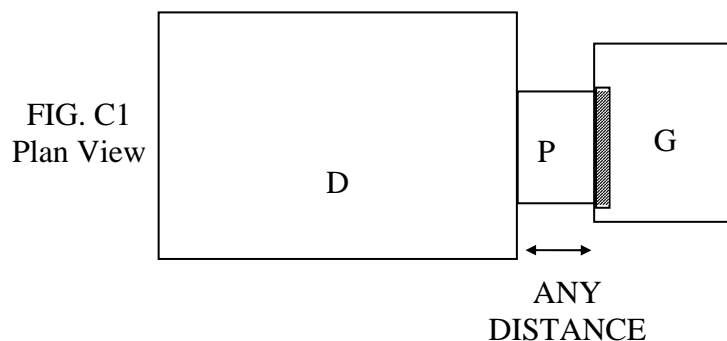
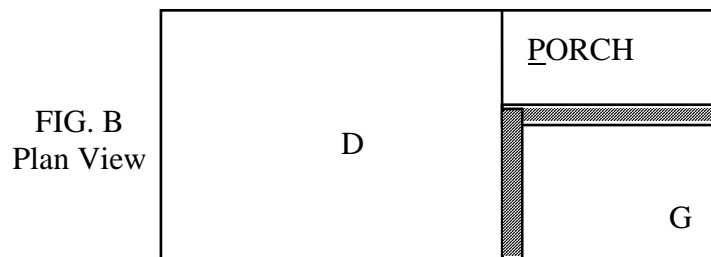
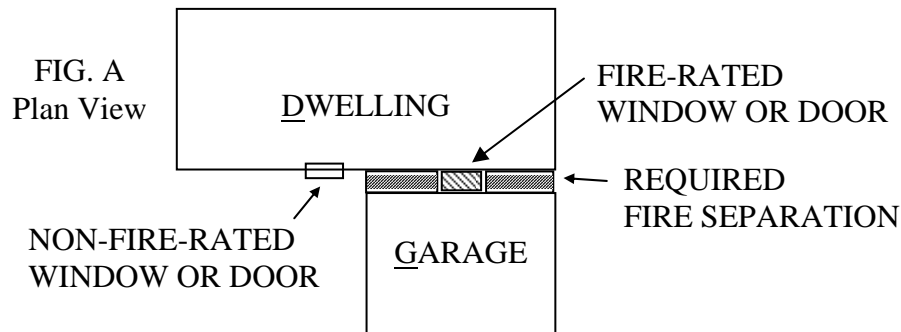
Answer: The cover or door is installed so that it is permanent (non-removable) with latching hardware to maintain it in a closed position. Self-closing hardware is not required.

21.08(1) Fire separation and dwelling unit separation

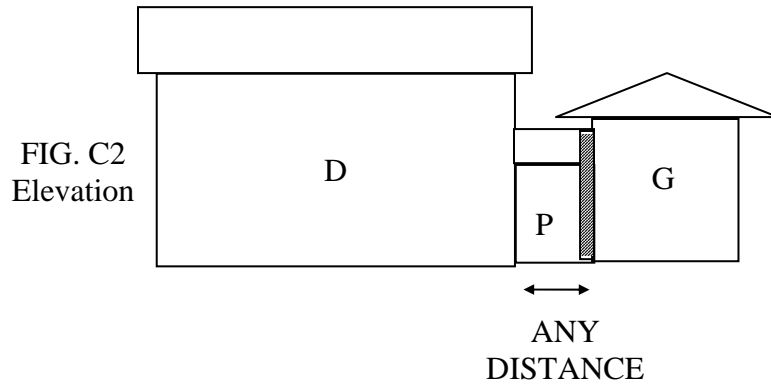
Question: How do you measure the distances indicated in Table 21.08 regarding dwellings and attached/detached garages and accessory buildings?

Answer: Fire-rated construction is required in situations of a common house/garage wall or of adjoining house and detached garage walls that are less than 10 feet apart when measured perpendicularly from the house walls. (The fire-rated construction is required only in those portions of either wall that meet the above test.) In attached connecting breezeways or porches where there is no common wall but a common roof, the entire fire wall separation is still required. This follows from the requirement that any fire separation shall extend from the top of the concrete or masonry foundation to the underside of the roof sheathing or ceiling. (See diagrams.)

ATTACHED GARAGES



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DETACHED GARAGE OR ACCESSORY BLDG

** Fire separation may be placed in either wall

